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Various Countries Are Asking Uncle Sam to Provide All Sorts of Merchandise.

Have you any chrysolite or variscite to sell? If so, write the Department of Commerce, foreign trade division, Dr. Julius Klein, the director, has requests for 'em on his desk from Australia. If you don't know what they are, they are precious stones.

Our South American neighbors in Brazil are more prosaic in their wants. They are asking for sanitary drinking fountains.

Canada wants moving-picture machines and wireless telephone sets.

With the Volstead act putting a crimp in the business over here, anybody with a left-over stock or bungs and bung pegs can find a ready market for them in England. The British also want garbage cans.

Ditto above. The French are asking for oak casks.

Ditto again. Chile asks for corks.

The prohibition bureau, with an eye to business, might fill the order from Mexico for alcohol distilling plants by shipping down some of the wildest stills seized over the country.

Evidently all the Italian boot-blacks are not over here. There's a request from Italy for shoe polish.

Musical instruments are in demand in Palestine and Spain.

The canny Scots want calculating machines.

Poor old Siberia would like a square meal of dried fruits and vegetables and prepared milk.

RACED LIKE THE GREYHOUND

Botafogo, Most Famous Horse of Argentina, Was Known to Turf Followers Throughout World.

The most famous race horse that the fine studs of Argentina ever bred was probably Botafogo, for he was renowned among turf followers the world over. He died near Mar del Plata a short time ago, being only eight years old. Not particularly fortunate in his parentage, as great racers usually are, he nevertheless became a phenomenon of the track. At two years he sold for \$25,000 at auction, although he was never good looking.

When he raced the horse stretched himself out like a greyhound. He made his debut in 1917, and all the classics fell before his amazing speed. One day when he was not in form and lost to Gray Fox the event was regarded in Argentina as quite a national catastrophe. In a subsequent "revenge race" he defeated his conqueror with perfect ease before the greatest crowd that ever assembled at the Palermo tracks.

Actor Who Could Not Write.

The true story of "Joe Miller's Joke Book" is an interesting bit of literary history. Truth is that Joe Miller never read a joke in his life, and therefore could not have compiled a book of jokes. For Joe Miller could not read. He was an ignorant actor, who achieved great success in 1714 at the Drury Lane theater in London. And the only way that Joe Miller could memorize the lines of his parts was to have them read and reread to him until he was able to repeat them, the duty of thus drumming dialogue and cues into the comedian's mind being entrusted to a wife, whom he had married for the purpose.

Off the stage or on, Miller was not a wit or humorist. But a year after his death a pamphlet appeared in which 247 jests were given, of which only three were ascribed to Joe Miller. They had been compiled by a man with the appropriate name of Mitty. By the middle of the Nineteenth century the number of jokes had been increased by successive compilers to 1,548.

Power in Silence.

The proper value of the power of silence is probably best expressed in the scriptural reference to the various convulsions of nature, the wind and the earthquake, followed by the still, small voice. Coming down to more recent period and a less renowned authority, we are reminded of the man who advised his son to keep his mouth shut so that people would not know he was a fool. This advice is still good for the great majority. Astronomy is said to be one of the best means of teaching the individual his relative unimportance in the universe of matter, but to be left alone, far from any human habitation, in a vast silence will probably accomplish the same.

NO MIRRORS IN BARBER SHOP

Tonsorial Parlors for Bobbing M-lady's Hair Are Now Without Looking Glasses.

Speaking of the play of Hamlet without the Dane, what do you think of the mirrorless barber shop? Surely as an egregious thing, revolutionary and rather alarming, almost a contradiction in terms. Yet it has arrived. It flourishes. It proves itself an answer to a need of the hour.

But not for men. No, no! The barber shop without mirrors is for the bobbing of women's hair, remarks the New York Sun. It seems that women are too emotional to watch the amputation of "woman's crowning glory" without raising a fuss interfering with the work of the hair surgeon. They twitter and fidget, and get excited and give directions, and make the operator so nervous that he is sometimes prevented from turning out what he considers a neat job.

The idea of mirrorless surgery for the mutilation of female heads seems to have originated up Boston way.

When the bobbing craze first struck New York barber shops were fitted up for women with a special eye to abundant and brilliant illumination of mirrors. Indeed, the mirror, woman's friend, was banked upon as the supreme attraction in the new style of shearing parlor. But it was found the reflection of the victim after her tresses received their first slash was so unnerving to her, and stimulated her to so many criticisms, warnings and minute instructions that it was soon seen that the mirrors would have to go. And now millady must learn to take her shearing like a sheep.

TO MAR ST. MICHEL'S BEAUTY

Silting Up of the Bay Is Causing Much Anxiety to the People of Normandy.

The steady silting up of the Bay of St. Michel is a cause of much anxiety to the good people of Normandy. It threatens to spoil the beauty of the famous Mont St. Michel, which at present is linked to the mainland only by an artificial causeway. Formerly the Mont, which in the course of the centuries has been by turns a Druidical shrine, a Benedictine abbey, and a state prison, and which, since its restoration by Violet-le-Duc, is jealously preserved as an historical monument, was as inaccessible at high tide, except by boat, as its Cornish counterpart, St. Michael's Mount still is. But the causeway enabled a light railway to run to the very foot of the Mont, and this causeway is stated by experts to be one of the great causes of the silting up, which it is predicted, will eventually make the Mont just part of the ordinary coastline.

Electric-Lighted Handbag.

The latest novelty from London—not Paris—is a lady's handbag equipped interiorly with an electric light. Just as if it was necessary for a woman to need a light to empty her purse! Nevertheless, the novelty handbag is about the cutest thing to arrive this season from the other side. One that was a gift to a young matron was the sensation of a section of the lower floor in a theater, Raymond G. Carroll recently wrote from New York to the Philadelphia Ledger. She opened the handbag, a function which automatically flooded the inside of the bag with light from a tiny electric bulb, located about half an inch below the clasp, and fed from a miniature storage battery covered with oil skin, fastened at the bottom of the bag.

Tangled Tongues.

Spoonerisms, like the poor, we have always with us. Two new and rather good ones came to our attention recently. The other day a Chicago woman, testifying against her husband in her divorce suit, declared: "He lends me, his awful wife, a lawfut life." There was a loud titter in the court, and blushing with embarrassment she hastened to correct herself.

The other concerns a young woman who was dining at a strange house. On the table was a dish of boiled onions, and when her hostess was serving these and remarked that, of course, she liked them, the young woman remarked enthusiastically: "Oh, yes, indeed; if there is one vegetable I like it is oiled onions." Just think if her hostess' husband had been a chiropodist.—Boston Transcript.

Took a Long Journey.

Last fall an inhabitant of Osthelm, Alsace, captured a swallow nesting under the gable of the roof. He released it with the following message attached on parchment: "During the summer of 1911 I lived with a farmer at Osthelm. He would be glad to learn where I have spent the winter when I return." The bird returned recently to its Alsatian home, bearing the following inscription: "I have been staying with a shoemaker, Joseph Bady, on the Island of Martinique, who salutes my present host."

Surprising.

"Gosh-all-beeswax!" exclaimed the country cousin. "Who in the fighting world would ever believe there was such a lot of folks in Kay See?" "But you must remember," returned the city cousin, "that Kansas City has nearly four hundred thousand inhabitants." "Yes, but, great governor, who'd have expected to see 'em all on Twelfth street at once."—Kansas City Star.

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